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# AUGUSTA SYMPHONY TO PERFORM HOLIDAY CONCERT IN EDGEFIELD COUNTY

**Augusta, GA** – The Augusta Symphony, Music Director Dirk Meyer, and guest vocalist Joan Ellison head to Edgefield County, SC, to present Holiday Spectacular, a lively performance of season favorites, on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Johnston-Edgefield-Trenton Middle School Auditorium. Admission is free thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Porter Fleming Foundation.

The Holiday Spectacular is part of a larger collaboration of the Augusta Symphony and Edgefield County. On Friday morning, the Symphony's woodwind, brass, and percussion musicians will participate in a side-by-side rehearsal with the band students of Strom Thurmond High School.

The Augusta Symphony's Executive Director, Anne Catherine Murray, shared: "The Symphony is working to broaden its reach beyond the walls of the Miller Theater, and this holiday outreach is one of our favorite mechanisms to build and diversify our audience. We are so grateful to the Edgefield County School District for working with us to make these events possible."

Now in its sixty-fourth season, the Augusta Symphony is the primary professional orchestra for the Central Savannah River Area and pursues its mission "to share the joy of great musical performance with our community – together we are music" through annual symphonic, pops, and family concerts that reach approximately 20,000 people each year. Via its education and outreach programs, the Symphony further strives to foster broad accessibility to live classical music performance and a lifelong appreciation of the art form among people of all ages, backgrounds, and means. The Symphony's outreach programs currently serve approximately 27,000 youth and adults in communities within a seventy-five mile radius of Augusta.

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